

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) A chromatography measuring device operable to perform chromatography measurement by qualitatively or quantitatively measuring a substance to be tested, which is applied to said chromatography measuring device, said chromatography measuring device comprising:

a chromatographic test strip having a first end region on a chromatographic upstream side operable to receive an application of a sample and a second end region on a chromatographic downstream side with respect to permeation of the sample; and

a liquid-impermeable sheet material adherently covering said chromatographic test strip, wherein said first end region has a top surface,

wherein said second end region has a top surface, and

wherein said liquid-impermeable sheet material does not cover said top surface of said first end region ~~or~~ and said top surface of said second end ~~region~~: region, and

wherein said liquid-impermeable sheet material adherently covers a surface other than said top surface of said first end region and said top surface of said second end region.

19. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said liquid-impermeable sheet material adherently covers a top surface of said chromatographic test strip.

20. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said liquid-impermeable sheet material adherently covers a top surface and side surfaces of said chromatographic test strip.

21. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said liquid-impermeable material adherently covers a top surface, side surfaces, and a bottom surface of said chromatography test strip.

22. (Currently amended) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, further comprising:

a measurement region having a marker reagent holding part in which a marker reagent is held and a specific protein immobilization part operable to immobilize a specific protein,

wherein said marker reagent holding part is disposed ~~downstream~~ upstream of said specific protein immobilization part with respect to permeation of the sample, and

wherein said liquid-impermeable sheet material adherently covers said measurement region.

23. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said chromatographic test strip comprises a plurality of connected or laminated porous materials.

24. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said chromatographic test strip comprises a single-layer porous material.

25. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 24, wherein said single-layer porous material comprises nitrocellulose.

26. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, further comprises:

a gas-permeable material,

wherein a portion of said second end region that is not covered by said liquid-impermeable sheet material is covered by said gas-permeable material.

27. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 26, wherein said gas-permeable material comprises a porous thin-film material.

28. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 27, wherein said porous thin-film material comprises a nonwoven fabric.

29. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in Claim 26, wherein said gas-permeable material is retiform tissue.

30. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, further comprising a space forming part operable to form a space on a portion of said second end region which is not covered by said liquid-impermeable sheet material.

31. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 30, wherein the space includes a gap part provided at the end or on a parallel side of said second end region in the space forming part, or on the top surface of the space forming part, so as to enable air inflow.

32. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 30, wherein said space forming part comprises a liquid-impermeable material.

33. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said chromatographic test strip comprises an immunochromatography specimen employing an antigen-antibody reaction.

34. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined in claim 18, wherein said chromatographic test strip comprises a dry analysis element.

35. (Previously presented) The chromatography measuring device as defined claim 18, wherein said chromatography test strip comprises a one-step specimen.